

State Baseball Series Nears Second Round at City Park Diamond

SPORT SHOTS

By ROB LEWELLEN

ZAMPERINI'S OWN STORY

Here is the story as told to Sport Shots last Sunday, after Louis arrived home from the National A.A.U. meet held in Lincoln, Neb.

The Torrance mile king has been training too hard on speed, and overlooked the need to train also on his distance. He knew that he had made this error several weeks ago, but it was too late in the season to do much about it. Also the Saturday before the big meet, he took two fast 440 yard dashes, which also was the wrong thing to do, as Louis admits. . . . So when the United States 1500 meter championship race came along, July 4th, he threw up his finish stretch, for the first time in his life. He also figured that the "old Master" Glen Cunningham would take the race, so he stayed with the Kansas flyer, figuring that if he did, he could win in the sprint. Well, Louis did beat Cunningham, but took third place in doing so. His other admitted mistake was that he let Blaine Riedel get too far ahead in the third lap.

Louis said, "This is not an alibi, but was a mistake on my part. But everyone makes mistakes in their lives, and distance runners and athletes are no exception. It seems, though, that sports writers, and the public, think that we runners, who get no compensation for our ability, are not supposed to make mistakes. So we are highly criticized for making them. After all, running is a sport, and should be considered fun, but when it ceases to be so, I will quit, the game forever," said Zamperini.

Zamperini also stated, "After all I took third place, and consider it an honor to be able to place among the first three, against the greatest milers the world has ever known. Next year I will be in there plugging for a berth on the United States Olympic team, and trying to bring honor to my home town, Torrance."

So you have the answer that you have been waiting for since the Fourth of July.

BILL STEWART IS HAPPY THAT HE MADE THE TRIP

The City of Torrance is now the home of the second best high jumper in the entire United States. As everyone knows by now, Bill Stewart, Torrance high graduate of June, this year, leaped himself into second place, when he did a feat, 7 inches, July 4th at Lincoln, Neb. He told this writer last Sunday that he sincerely wishes to thank everyone in Torrance that helped make this trip possible, and that while jumping, he consistently said to himself, "This is for Torrance." When a lad has that spirit, he is hard to beat. Stewart will enter U.S.C. in the fall, hopes to be a member of the Olympic team in 1940, has an A average in his school work and was one of Torrance's outstanding students. Bill plans to follow journalism when he graduates from college.

WE ARE MODEST, BUT HERE GOES

Two weeks ago, the 19th District of the Sons of the American Legion, held their annual small bore championship rifle match.

Squadron 170 of Torrance took fifth place, with fourteen teams of the district entered. San Pedro won the match, and all targets were witnessed in the State of California (Junior division). Each team fired with an eight man team, five highest scores counting. After the match, and all targets carefully checked, the 19th District picked the highest eight scores of the match, and formed the district team. . . . here is the payoff. . . . my own son, Bobby, was selected on the team, the only one from Torrance.

EL CENTRO LEADS PACK OF 20 CLUBS; GAMES EVERY NITE

With El Centro leading the series by two straight victories, the California State Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament at the city park diamond, is drawing larger attendance at every game. Starting last Saturday afternoon, the title games are proving well worth the small admission (two-bits) being charged fans over 15 years of age.

So far 17 of the 20 teams entered in the tourney have appeared on the local diamond. The three yet to be seen in action are Pismo Beach, winner of a district elimination tournament last July 4; Standard Oil Refinery and National Youth Administration of Hermosa Beach.

Not even the most expert observer of the games has yet hazarded a guess as to the winner of the series who will receive a large gold trophy and be California's entry in the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress at Wichita, Kans., next month. It's still too early in the series—which will run thru July 30—to make any bets as to the outcome.

Riley Is Busy Man
Tonight's game will be between Standard Oil and the N.Y.A. team from Hermosa Beach. The second round of the tourney will start tomorrow night with the Illinois Cleaners, winners over Pepsi-Cola last Saturday night, clashing with Bank of America. The Bankers dropped their first contest to El Centro in a 10-inning thriller last Saturday afternoon.

The complete schedule for the remaining games of the week is published in the adjoining column; together with the scores of the first nine games.

Games Running Smooth
Busiest man at the local field is, naturally, Dale Riley, who as state commissioner is in full charge of all details of the tourney. Riley has managed to get away for a few meals and sleeps but that is about all. He is constantly being sought by players, managers and fans for information, rulings and "the dope" on relative merits of the teams.

Games Running Smooth
"I haven't had any trouble so far in keeping the series functioning as we hoped it would," he said last night. "We haven't had any serious 'beefs' from any one and I've been told by managers and scouts from the big leagues that our games are running smoother than any similar series in the past. I hope we continue to play ball as good sportsmen thruout the rest of the tourney."

Every game has drawn one or more scouts on the lookout for promising players. A spectator at one of the first games was William H. Jordan, vice-president and business manager for the Los Angeles Angels. He praised the Torrance field, its exceptional lighting facilities and commended the initiative of the Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring the tournament.

Redondo A. C. Bouts Tonight

First of a series of regular Thursday night boxing cards will be presented tonight at 8:30 o'clock at the Redondo Athletic club, 216 North Benita avenue. In addition to a main event between two unannounced fighters, there will be seven other bouts, according to Matchmaker Davy Abad, former world's lightweight contender. Only amateurs will perform in the Redondo ring.

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TOURNEY SIDELIGHTS

WHO'LL WIN? . . . Veteran fans who have seen every game so far in the State Baseball Tournament at the city park are not popping off any prophecies about which club will win the big gold trophy and gather in the \$500 which will pay the winners' traveling expenses to Wichita, Kans., next month for the National Baseball Congress games. The tourney has got to go several days more before the betting boys will begin picking the champions.

THAT \$500 . . . is not an outright cash award to the winning team for splitting among its members. It is specifically reserved for traveling expenses of 16 players, manager and sponsor to the national championships.

KIWANIS NIGHT . . . Next Monday night the entire Kiwanis club will attend the Pasadena Merchants-Glendon game in a body. How about the other Torrance organizations having a "night" at the games? Your support will be appreciated.

PENCIL PUSHER . . . The man who makes the official rulings concerning hits, errors, stolen bases and the other dozen or so features of the Tournament game is "Bud" Edwards, well-known player who is too young to be called a veteran but who has many years of experience in the great national pastime.

BIG VOICES . . . Manning the microphone of the public address system is a corps of commentators, including Wait Morris, "Commissioner" Dale Riley, Roy Willis and Eddie Longdon of San Pedro. Their job is to keep the fans informed of every play, who did it and how the score stands. They've only found themselves making corrections a few times they're THAT good!

BALL SHAGGERS . . . Riley has a bevy of expert sleuths who are setting new records for finding balls poked out of the field. So far he's only lost a half-dozen or so. The youngsters have developed a hunting instinct that leads them to the pellets even among the densest shrubbery.

HOME-RUNNERS

Those who have made the Tournament Home-Run club to date are: Jordan (U. S. Rubber), Dawes (Shell), Williams (H. M. McNeely and Stralman (El Centro), Nyulassie (Bank of America) and Wood (Ft. MacArthur).

STRIKE-OUT KING . . . Pitcher with the best strike-out record in the Tourney so far is Carpenter of No. American Aviation who whiffed 15 Longshoremen last night. "Frenchy" Gendreaux of U. S. Rubber was topping that department with 9 until Carpenter performed. Erickson (Ill. Cleaners) and DeHaag (T-L Merchants) are runners-up with eight to their credit.

FUN FOR THE KIDS . . . The "free - admittance - to - kids - under - 15" has developed an amazing increase in "under 15" residents of this area. They all claim they're eligible for passes into the games—even when accompanied by their girl-friends!

STAR GAZERS . . . There are three regular attenders of the games who are picking the All-State Team. Names of the critics are being kept secret by "Commissioner" Riley. He doesn't believe any player will try to bribe his pickers nor does he think the experts would accept gratuities. Nevertheless he wants them to work without any interference.

CLOSEST GAME . . . Monday night's seventh game of the series between the home-town Torrance-Lomita Merchants and Dr. Ross Dog Food was the closest contest to date. Score: 3 to 0 favor the T-L club. The El Centro-Bank of America game went an extra inning before the boys from down south won, 11 to 10.

VETERAN MANAGER . . . Imagine a man managing one club

STATE PICNICS

ILLINOIS . . . An address on "Americanism" by Irving M. Smith, Long Beach city attorney, will feature the program at the Illinois summer picnic reunion in Bixby Park, Long Beach, Saturday, July 22.

Pistol Team Splits Honors with Visitors

Competing against Douglas Aircraft sharpshooters, coached by James H. Davis, ex-Los Angeles police chief, a Torrance Police pistol team divided the honors last Sunday on the new local range. Shooting over the National course, the Aircrafters won, 1,234 to 1,184. On the regulation police course, the Torrance team scored 1,326 to Aircraft's 1,286.

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